ORDER

STAGE I - FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Fire Restrictions Due to High Fire Danger Taos Field Office Bureau of Land Management

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (a), the following acts are prohibited on public lands administered by the Taos Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) until further notice.

- 1. Building and using a fire, campfire, or charcoal broiler on all public lands managed by the Taos Field Office.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared or all flammable material.
- 3. Use of fireworks anywhere on public lands.

Exception: Campfires, charcoal broilers, and the use of pressurized liquid or gas stoves are allowed in the established recreation areas, which include Wild Rivers, Orilla Verde and Santa Cruz Lake, within developed metal fire rings or grills provided by the BLM. Gas stoves are permitted only within BLM lands on the Rio Chama and John Dunn Bridge site.

Note: An advisory is also in place. Due to dry conditions and the high temperatures developed by catalytic converters now installed on most vehicles, the Bureau of Land Management advises that if you must stop anywhere on public lands your vehicle must be parked in an area that is barren of all flammable materials.

Area Described: All lands administered by the Taos Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. These restrictions are necessary due to the high to extreme fire danger resulting from prolonged hot and dry weather conditions.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (b), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Taos, New Mexico, 6 June 2006.

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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both.